

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1613
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DISCRETIONARY GRANT TO POOR PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received for treatment under the Health Minister's Relief Fund from June, 2001 till date;
- (b) the number of applications approved and rejected;
- (c) whether the Government are aware that the patients do not get amount in time due to the lengthy procedure of receiving assistance; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to simplify the procedure of seeking assistance from the Health Minister's Relief Fund?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) 1628 applications have been received under the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant from June, 2001 to 8.3.2002.
- (b) 690 were approved and 175 were rejected.
- (c) The applications for financial assistance from the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant are processed expeditiously. However, certain cases due to incomplete applications/ medical reports, non-furnishing of income certificates by the applicant more time is taken in process.
- (d) Does not arise.